are also relelst criteria for determining the eligibility of candidates seeking admtsion to the Agricultural, Veterinary and Fisheries and other institutions of the UAS. Government consider it appropriate to have well-throughout practical tests for selection of the right type of students coming in the category of "Agriculturists" Hence provision is made to have such practical tests as will be specified by the State Government to select candidates falling in the category 'Agriculturists'. Such a procedure is found expedient to ascertain the real background of the candidates as "Agriculturists"

Hence this Bill.

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Government had under consideration ways of encouraging agriculturists and children of agriculturists to take up higher education in the field of agriculture and allied sciences. The present rules for reservations and admissions did not make any special provisions for enrolment of such students. In view of the fact that the academic year had already commened and the Houses of the Karnataka Legislature stood adjourned, it became necessary to amend the University of Agricultural Science Act, 1963 (Karnataka Act XXII of 1963) by issue of an ordinance to enable the benefi contemplated by Government to accrue to students in this year itself.

N. CHIKKE GOWDA,

Te. Hanumanthappa,
Secretary

ANNEXURE XII

KARNATAKA FOREST (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1976

A Bill further to amend the Karnataka Forest Act, 1963

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Karnataka Forest Act, 1963 (Karnataka Act 5 of 1964) for the purposes hereinafter appearing ;

BE it enacted by the Karnataka State Legislature in the Twenty-seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. **Short title and commencement**— (1) This Act may be called the Karnataka Forest (Amendment) Act 1976.

(2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the Twenty-fourth day of December, 1975.

2. **Insertion of new Chapter XI-A.**—After Chapter XI of the Karnataka Forest Act, 1963 (Karnataka Act 5 of 1964) (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), the following Chapter and sections shall be inserted, namely—

CHAPTER XI-A

FOREST DEVELOPMENT TAX

98A. Levy of Forest Development Tax— (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, in respect of forest produce disposed of by the State Government by sale or otherwise, there shall be levied and paid to the State Government a tax at the rate of five per cent on the amount of consideration paid therefor.

(2) The said tax shall be collected along with such consideration.

(3) It is hereby declared that the said tax shall be in addition to and not in lieu of any tax payable in respect of such produce under any other law in force.

98B. Forest Development Fund – (1) There shall be constituted for the State of Karnataka a Fund called the Karnataka Forest Development Fund.

i(2) The tax levied and collected under section 98A shall be firs cred ted to the Consolidated Fund of the State and under appropriation duly made by law in this behalf, be entered in and transferred to the Karnataka Forest Development Fund.

(3) Any amount transferred to the said fund, the sub section (2), shall be charged upon the Consolidated Fund of the State.

(4) The amount at the credit of the said fund shall not be expended except for the raising of forest plantations and for such other purposeare as ancillary thereto".

3. Repeal of Karnataka Ordinance No. 32 of 1975 —

(1) The Karnataka Forest (Amendment) Ordinance 1975 (Karnatakat Ordinance No. 32 of 1975) is hereby repealed.

2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken under the principal Act as amended by the said Ordinance shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the principal Act as amended by this Act.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

By promulgating the Karnataka Forest (Amendment) Ordinance, 1975, on 24th Dcecember 1975 and bringing it into force from that date, Government of Karnataka have imposed the levy of forest Development Tax at the rate of 5% on the amount of consideration paid in respect of forest produce disposed off by the State Government by sale or otherwise. The tax levied and collected under this Ordinance is to be credited to the Consolidated Fund of the State, in the first instance, and thereafter, transferred to the Karnataka Forest Development Fund. The amount at the credit of this fund is to be expended for the raising of forest plantations and other ancillary purposes.

The provisions made in the Budget of the Forest Department for raising plantations are not sufficient. There is at present acute shortage of timber, firewood and raw material for the forest based industries. It is expected that in the near future, there will be famine of forest raw material including timber, firewood for fuel and other industrial raw material. Hence, it is necessary to take timely steps to raise plantations more intensively in order to increase the availability of raw materials on sustained yield basis.

Hence, it is necessary to create the Forest Development Fund exclusively for raising forest plantations.

FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

As the amount of Forest Development Tax will be collected by the existing staff of the Forest Department along with the other items of Forest Revenue, there will be no need to appoint any extra staff for this purpose.

The tax levied and collected under this Act will be credited at the first instance to the consolidated Fund of the State. Thereafter, the amount so levied and collected will be transferred to the Karnataka Forest Development Fund which is exclusively meant for the raising of forest plantations. Consequently, there will be a notional loss of this amount in the Consolidated Fund of the State. The amount so debited will be approximately Rs 1,25,00,0000 (Rupees One Crore and Twenty-five Lakhs only), per annum.

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Issue of the Ordinance will permit the Forest Department to avail of 1976 monsoon rains for taking up planting operations which would not have been the case otherwise, Planting operations are to be proceeded by preparation of site normally taken up December onwards. Further, the funds required for this operation is also now possible to be collected during the current financial year itself.

It was hence necessary to promulgate the Ordinance.

C. N. PATIL

Te. HANUMANTHAPPA,
Secretary.

ANNEXURE XIII

No. 10884 L. A. Bangalore, dated 20th January 1976

THE KARNATAKA ELECTRICITY SUPPLY UNDERTAKINGS (ACQUISITION) (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1976.

A Bill to amend the Karnataka Electricity Supply Undertakings (Acquisition) Act 1974.

WHEREAS it is expendient to amend the Karnataka Electricity Supply Undertakings (Acquisition) Act, 1974 (Karnataka Act No. 36 of 1974) for the purpose hereinafter appearing ;

Be it enacted by the Karnataka State Legislature in the Twenty-seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows :—

1. **Short title and Commencement.**—(1) This Act may be called the Karnataka Electricity Supply Undertakings (Acquistion) (Amendment) Act, 1976.

(2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the sixteenth day of December, 1975.

2. **Amendment of Section 13.**—In sub-section (2) of section 13 of the Karnataka Electricity Supply Undertakings (Acquisition) Act, 1974 (Karnataka Act No. 36 of 1974) for the words "one year", the words "two years" shall be substituted.